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EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1.	6,139,573	10/31/00	Sogard et al.			
	2.	6,551,303	04/22/03	Van Tassel et al.			
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	4.	WO 99/23976	05/20/99	PCT				
	5.	WO 99/44510	10/09/99	PCT				
	6.	WO 00/16705	03/30/00	PCT				
	7.	WO 00/67669	11/16/00	PCT				

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PERTINENT PAGES, ETC.)	
	8.	PCT Search Report for co-pending Application PCT/US99/26325 dated February 15, 2000

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